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## NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL TO BE SET TO FLASH MODE IN CHATTOOGA COUNTY

SUMMERVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a new traffic signal is scheduled to go into flash mode next Thursday, April 30 at the intersection of State Route (SR) 1 and Dot Johnson Drive in Chattooga County. To start this new traffic signal, Georgia DOT will turn it on a flash mode for seven days. The signal will then be fully operational on Thursday, May 7, 2015, if weather permits and testing goes well.

"Once this signal is operational, be cautious until you get familiar with the changes. Remember, other drivers may be surprised by the new signal so give yourself plenty of space between you and the driver in front of you," said Dewayne Comer, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville.

Georgia DOT kindly reminds motorists how to react if they encounter a malfunctioning traffic signal. Motorists should proceed with caution if they are facing a flashing yellow light and yield to vehicles and pedestrians who are already in the intersection. A flashing red light means motorists should come to a complete stop, just like at a stop sign. If power is out and the traffic signals are off please treat the intersection as an all-way stop. When it is safe to do so, please call 511 or visit <u>511ga.org</u> to report the malfunction to GDOT.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Georgia is among the fastest growing states in the nation yet lags near the bottom in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit <a href="www.dot.ga.gov">www.dot.ga.gov</a> or subscribe to our Press Release <a href="RSS feed">RSS feed</a>. You also may like us on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNW</a>) and follow us <a href="fwitter">Twitter</a> (<a href="https://twitter.com/GDOTNW</a>).

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